

NATIONAL DEMOCRATS MEET

Senator Jones Calls the Convention to Order in the Great Hall at Kansas City.

Delegates Warmly Welcomed by Mayor Reed, After Which Temporary Chairman Thomas Makes an Eloquent Address—Declaration of Independence Read and a Bust of Bryan Unveiled Amid Great Enthusiasm—Repeated Calls for a Speech From Hill—Adjournment Until 4 o'clock.

CONVENTION HALL, Kansas City, July 4.—The great hall built for the Democratic Convention began to assume an animated aspect at 11 o'clock this morning. The galleries, even at that early hour, were filling rapidly. The large proportion of the fair sex present was especially noticeable, and their gay dresses added color to the scene.

The band made its appearance at 11:15 and was greeted with cheers. Its first selection was the soul-stirring "Dixie." As the first strains were heard the crowd cheered vociferously and manifested the first enthusiasm of the day.

Up to 11:30 no delegations had arrived in the hall. Individual members of the delegations straggled in one by one and in a few minutes the seats were about half filled.

The California delegation, escorted that from Hawaii, made its appearance at the south entrance. As soon as the crowd caught sight of the banners bearing the names of these delegations it gave them a rousing reception. Californians and Hawaiians each carried a small silk American flag.

Chairman Jones Applauded. Chairman Jones entered the hall at 11:40 and received an ovation as he ascended the platform. He was followed by a number of the delegates-at-large, and as the crowd picked out the prominent men whom they knew they were greeted with applause.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina wearing a big helmet, received a specially warm greeting, as did ex-Senator White of California. As the Kentucky delegation, headed by Senator-elect Blackburn, and ex-Governor McCreary, entered the hall at 11:45, the band struck up "My Old Kentucky Home."

The Convention Hall was then filled—it was in fact overflowing with thousands of human beings clamoring at the outer doors hoping in vain to get inside. The long steep tiers of seats for spectators were crowded before the delegates began to arrive. The audience was on hand in time for all the enthusiastic features. The spectators were there in time to shout for every prominent silver man who might be recognized as he entered the hall. Many delegates were as eager as the spectators to witness the enthusiastic features and they began to arrive as early as possible.

Called to Order. Chairman Jones arose promptly at noon to call the Convention to order. He was greeted with loud applause. It was just 12:02 p. m. when the band stopped and the gavel fell. Sergeant-at-Arms Martin advanced to the front of the platform and warned the delegates and visitors that there must be no smoking in the hall.

The Secretary then read the call for the Convention. Chairman Jones at 12:17 called upon Rev. Mr. Diehl, of Kansas City, to open the proceedings with prayer. During the prayer every man, woman, and child in the big hall, and there must have been something like 17,000 of them, for it was packed to its fullest capacity, stood.

A few minutes before the conclusion of prayer, a band entered the gallery in the northwest corner of the building and struck up "On the Banks of the Wabash." The prayer was continued, however, and the band was promptly stopped. When the prayer was ended, the band finished the tune, amid applause.

Chairman Jones then introduced the Democratic Mayor of Kansas City, Mr. Reed. The mayor was received with applause. He welcomed the delegates to Kansas City, and during his speech said that the history of Democracy was the history of the battle for human liberty and personal rights.

Galleries Call for Hill. At 12:31 there were loud calls for ex-Senator Hill from the galleries. "Hill! Hill!" yelled the audience. There was a great uproar all over the hall. The audience evidently wanted Hill to reply to the speech of welcome.

When the noise subsided Chairman Jones announced the recommendation of the National Committee of ex-Governor Charles T. Thomas, of Colorado, for temporary chairman, and C. A. Walsh for secretary. He put the motion and there was a loud response of "ayes" from the silver men.

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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

THE SILVER REPUBLICANS.

Their National Convention Begins at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, July 4.—About 600 delegates to the Republican Silver Convention were on hand at the Auditorium Theatre at noon, but owing to the fact that the Minnesota delegates had not stilled on their way here and had telegraphed that they could not reach here before 12:30, the regular order was delayed.

In the meantime the delegates were asked to while the time away as well as they could. They did so by shouting for Towne and exchanging their views with regard to the advisability of changing the name of the Convention from the Silver Republican to the Lincoln Republican. Part of the delegates, with the exception of the Colorado contingent, seemed to be in favor of the change for they have Lincoln's portrait on their badges.

Among the States represented were Kansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Arkansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, Oklahoma, and the Indian Territory. It was noticeable that all the women delegates got the best seats. The missing Minnesotans and the band reached the auditorium at 12:40. The Convention opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bigelow, of Cincinnati, at 12:45.

After the prayer, which was applauded vigorously, and the call for the Convention, the Declaration of Independence was read at 1 o'clock.

At its conclusion a delegate from Idaho jumped to his feet and exclaimed: "I hope it is thoroughly understood by this entire Convention that this Declaration of Independence which has just been read is not intended as a reflection upon the present Administration."

Dr. Howard S. Taylor, of Chicago, then read an original ode which he had composed for the occasion. As a preface to his poem Dr. Taylor paid his compliments to Theodore Roosevelt by referring to him as that gallant cowboy who has learned his profession on Fifth Avenue; that intrepid soldier who had made a reputation for himself out of the work done by his colored soldiers at San Juan Hill; that great fighter who has shed more ink and less blood than any man in his army today. The poem was called "The Liberty Bell."

Charles A. Towne then formally opened the Convention proceedings with a stirring address to the delegates.

By to gratify those who think the question of imperialism is the all-important question? Why should I discourage the imperialists by saying that the trust question is all important?

"Why should I discourage the opponents of trusts and imperialism by saying that the money question is the only question to be considered? Others may emphasize one question or the other, but I shall emphasize them all. If we are to win in November we must have the co-operation of all who oppose Republican policies, and that co-operation can only be secured by making a fight all along the line. The people who oppose the gold standard also oppose the trusts and imperialism, and there are nine who oppose all three to one who favors the gold standard and yet opposes the trusts or imperialism. Why alienate nine in order to please one?"

"The men who demand the abandonment of the silver question did what they could to make the party a gold standard party, and when they were outvoted they left the party and did what they could to defeat the ticket. Now they want to drive away the Populists and silver Republicans who

BRYAN'S EXACT POSITION

The Democratic Leader Declares Himself for Good and All.

His Ambition Is to Serve the People Against the Money Power, and His Hands Must Not Be Fettered—Silver, the Trusts, and Imperialism Equally Important as Issues.

NEW YORK, July 4.—"The World" this morning prints the following telegram from Mr. Bryan, dated Lincoln, April 26:

"Whenever you see in the newspapers that I have abandoned silver, or side-tracked, or tried in any way to evade it, you can set it down as false. While men differ as to the relative importance of the money question, the trust question, and imperialism, I regard all of them as important, and have not attempted to decide which is most important. It seems to me that 'The World' ought to be able to see the folly of my taking sides in the dispute. Why should I discourage those who oppose the gold standard and the trusts mere-

came to us when the gold Democrats deserted.

"Whatever influence I may have will be exerted to holding what we have and gaining enough from the outside to defeat the Republicans, but I do not want it to be a barren victory.

"I want the party to accomplish the reforms to which it is pledged. I want the Philippines to have a chance to celebrate the Fourth of July, and I want every private monopoly destroyed, but I also want silver restored at the ratio of 16 to 1, and I want the national banks deprived of the power to paper money.

"I also want the Constitution so amended as to authorize an income tax and the election of Senators by the people. In addition to these I want to see the system known as 'government by injunction' abolished, and arbitration between labor and capital established.

"Those who favor free silver favor all these reforms. Those who favor the gold standard favor a few of these reforms, but are against most of them. I am not willing to trade a larger number of people who are all right for a small number who are part right. I am not anxious enough for the nomination by Representative Robert W. Williams of Illinois. Delegates when asked if they expected their candidate to be nominated simply smiled.

Democrats in other States say that the row at the New York caucus and the picking of Keiler for Vice President by Croker have destroyed whatever influence New York might have had in the Convention.

Some of the early delegates came direct to the hall from a conference with David B. Hill. They said that Hill was still determined to fight on the floor of the Convention Hall against the adoption of the 16 to 1 plank. They said he expected to have the backing of the delegates from at least ten States, but they were not ready to name the States.

Child Falls From a Roof. BALTIMORE, July 4.—Clifford Howard, colored, two years and seven months old, fell from the roof of a three-story building in the rear of his home last night, landing in the rear of the adjoining house. His left leg was broken between the knee and ankle and right leg cut slightly. He was taken to the City Hospital.

Baltimore July 4th, Via B. & O. Tickets sold 2, 3, and 4, valid for return until 9th. \$1.00 for the round trip.

Celebrate the Fourth Right. Chesapeake Beach. Extra attractions. Balloon ascension and parachute jump. Don't miss it.

Ever See a Woman Drop? Mile, Louis Wrence, balloon ascension and parachute jump July 4, 5 p. m. Chesapeake Beach.

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PEKIN FOREIGNERS ALL DEAD

Their Guards Slaughtered While Defending the Legations in the Chinese Capital.

Refugees, Worn Out by Fighting and Hunger, Said to Have Succumbed to the Celestials—Men, Women, and Children Put to the Sword—Killed of All Nationalities Lying in Heaps in the Streets—Bombardment of Tientsin Resumed. Allied Forces May Have Difficulty in Holding Taku

LONDON, July 4.—Advices from China are most alarming. The situation has reached a crisis that is appalling, and today's despatches are filled with horrible details of the slaughter of foreigners.

A despatch from Shanghai, via Hongkong, says that not a foreigner is left alive in the city of Peking, according to Chinese reports.

These declare that the ammunition of the foreign marines—guarding the legations failed and General Tusi's troops rushed into the British Legation buildings, in which all the foreigners and the legation forces had sought refuge.

The foreign guards fought to the end, and fell battling desperately to save those entrusted to their care.

Those in the legation, already worn out with long fighting and hunger, could offer but little resistance. Men, women, and children, the Chinese reports say, were put to the sword.

While these reports are indefinite in nature there is good reason from what is known of the situation in Peking seven days ago to believe them.

Heaps of Dead in the Streets. A despatch to Dulzelle's News Agency from Shanghai, of yesterday's date, says that harrowing stories are coming in of the situation of the legations at Peking. The European guards originally numbered 428, and were under command of Capt. T. Comand Montalmar, of the Austrian Croisier Zenta. They lost heavily, and the killed of all nationalities are lying or buried in heaps.

It is believed that many members of the Tsung-li-yamen perished inside the building when the maddened Germans set fire to it after Baron Van Ketteler's murder. A despatch from Berlin says that the German Consul at Chefoo telegraphs as follows: "Foreigners steamer (7). Settlement at Tientsin surrounded being hampered. Women and children to be removed. Chinese troops advanced against railway bridges, which they destroyed, but communication with Taku by water is maintained."

"Missions at Mukden burned; many native Christians murdered; railway bridge between Mukden and Newchwang wrecked."

Taku's Alarming Situation. The most discouraging advices come from Taku, the rendezvous of the fleets of the allied powers and their forshadow greater troubles in the Chinese Empire. The despatch received today indicates that Tientsin is in a state of siege, if it has not been retaken by the Chinese and infer that it is expected that difficulty will be experienced in holding even Taku.

The Taku despatch says: "The British and Russian admirals held a conference today and decided that it would be impossible to attempt to relieve Peking without a much larger force. They may possibly hold Tientsin. If this should not be feasible they will endeavor to hold Taku."

This despatch was dated at Taku, June 30, sent via Chefoo, July 3. This collection of despatches from Chinese cities has caused consternation in London, in fact throughout Europe and there is absolutely no hope entertained for the ministers and other foreigners at Peking.

THE SITUATION DESPERATE. Captain McCalla Tells the Story of His Hardships. NEW YORK, July 4.—The "Evening World" today publishes the following copy righted despatch from its special correspondent, Frederick Palmer: "Chefoo, July 1, via Shanghai, July 4.—Coming up the river from Tientsin yesterday, I found the banks strewn with bodies of Boxers killed in the recent fighting. Dogs were feeding on the corpses. I heard last night from the lips of Captain McCalla the tale of the hardships of the expedition under Admiral Seymour from June 19, when the column abandoned its train until the time it was rescued.

"The Americans formed the advance guard of the expedition. Their accuracy of fire, their steadiness, initiative, and adaptability in all situations won the admiration of the foreign officers.

"Your troops," a German officer said to Captain McCalla, "cannot only fight, but they can work. They are the finest body of men I have ever seen." The Americans and British were constantly side by side, and they and the Germans bore the brunt of the fighting.

"The expedition could have gone no further than it had and carry its wounded when rescued," Captain McCalla said. "It was a stroke of providence that saved us as a sandstorm kept off an attack by the enemy while a Chinese servant managed to get a message through to Tientsin. I cannot say too much for the work of Admiral Seymour."

RESCUED BY GERMANS. Baron Von Ketteler's Body Saved After His Murder. LONDON, July 4.—According to a report from Chefoo, the body of the German Minister, Baron von Ketteler, was saved after his murder by Chinese.

MINISTER WU AGITATED. Fears the News of the Slaughter of the Foreigners Is True. When informed by a representative of The Times this afternoon of the startling news of the murder of all of the foreign residents of Peking, including the minister

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